GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Border Fencing
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat has a total of 512 Kms. land border with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are many cases of smuggling of weapons/contrabands as well as infiltration of anti-nationals and still every year infiltrators are being caught from the border and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the border fencing in the Rann of Kutch has remained incomplete and the partitions which were erected earlier have collapsed due to corrosion and defective foundation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that only 340 Kms. of length has been sanctioned for fencing and out of that, only work for 231.2 Kms. has been completed and remaining area, which is very sensitive needs urgent fencing; and

(e) if so, the time by which the entire fencing work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRAN RIJIJU)

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(a): Gujarat State has a total of 508 Km of international Border(IB) with Pakistan out of which land border is 404 km and the remaining portion of 104 km is Creek Area.

(b): No case of smuggling of weapons has been reported since year 2012 along the Indo-Pakistan Border (IPB) in the State of Gujarat. However, there have been isolated cases of smuggling of contrabands as well as infiltration along the IPB in the State of Gujarat. During the current year (upto October, 2015), 5 cases of infiltration and 4 cases of smuggling of contrabands have been reported by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the IPB in the State of Gujarat.

(c) & (d): On the basis of feasibility to construct fence, the Government has sanctioned construction of 340.00 km of border fencing in the State of Gujarat, out of which the fencing work to the extent of about 264 km has been completed. Due to the extreme nature of topography, the fencing and its foundation is prone to corrosion by the salty water and heavy inundation because of which some parts of the fencing have deteriorated. The maintenance of fence is entrusted to BSF which carry out the maintenance works of damaged/deteriorated fence.

(e): The construction agency has sought 36 months for completion of the balance works.

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